

No. 4815 號六十一百八千四第 日五十二月三年酉癸治同 HONGKONG, MONDAY, 21st APRIL, 1873. 一拜禮 號一十二月四英 港香 [PRICE \$24 PER MONTH]

Estimations

**THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL—HONGKONG.**

**THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF
HONGKONG**
 WILL GIVE **THEIR**
FIFTH AND LAST PERFORMANCE

OF THE SEASON
THIS (MONDAY) EVENING,
 21st April, 1873.
 When will be presented the Farce of
"THE BLIGHTED BEING,"
 as followed by the Comedietta in Two Acts,
 (By ANDREW HALLIDAY, Esq.,)
 OF
"OHECKMATE."

 Tickets, \$2 each, to be had at MESSRS. LANE,
 157 & 159, &c. on and after Wednesday,
 16th instant.

 Doors open at 8.30; Performance to com-
 mence at 9 o'clock.
 157 & 159, &c. 12th April, 1873.

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship

"CANTON."
 Jacques, Master, will be despatched for the

For Freight of Passages, apply to
SHEEN & Co.
110-112, Hongkong, 21st April, 1873.

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to
the provisions of the Companies' Ordinance,
1865, and in accordance with the resolution
come to at the last Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, respecting the number
of Shares to be represented at Meetings, an Extra-
ordinary General MEETING will be held at

een's Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the
h day of May next, at 3 p.m., for the
purpose of altering the regulations of the Com-
pany by passing Special Resolutions, whereby
the aggregate number of Shares to be held or
represented by the Shareholders present at all
Ordinary Meetings, and all Extraordinary
Meetings convened by the General Managers,
shall be One hundred instead of Five hundred

Notice is also given, that at the said Meeting under Special Resolution will be proposed, whereby Article No. 64 of Regulations of the Company will be altered, so as to enable the Company to hold the Ordinary General Meeting at any time in each year before, the 10th of March.

Notice is further given, that Copies of the proposed Special Resolutions can be obtained any Shareholder on application to the General Managers.

Dated the 21st day of April, 1873.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given, that in Compliance with Section 50 of the Companies' Ordinance, 1865, on Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 39, Queen's Road, on **WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of May next, at 4 o'clock, a.m.,** for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolutions, as may be passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the 12th day of May, 1873.

Dated the 21st day of April, 1873.

J. BARDINE, MATTHEW S. & Co.,
General Managers.

SWATOW.

STEAM-TUG ORPHAN.

THE new and powerful Steam-tug ORPHAN,
under the command of **Captain McCARLEN,** is now open to tow

WANTED to buy a DREDGING MACHINE, new or second hand. Full particulars required under address of "A. B.," of this paper.
7d 600 Hongkong, 15th April, 1873.

at 293 Hongkong, 20th February, 1873.

Notices to Consignees.

S. CANTON, FROM LONDON, PENANG,
AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above
Steamer are hereby notified that the
Cargo is being discharged, landed, and stored at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong

Goods remaining in store after the 23rd inst. to be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Hongkong, unless applied for by the Consignees before 6 P.M. TO-DAY, the 18th inst.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to

SIEMSEN & Co.
307, Hongkong, 18th April, 1873.

MUMDUM CASTLE, (S.) FROM LONDON, via PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above steamer are hereby notified that their

Optional Cargo will be sent forward unless notice to the contrary be received by the Under-
signed before noon TO-MORROW.
Goods remaining in store after the 21st inst.
will be subject to rent.

JOHN BURD & Co.,
Agents, S. S. "Drummond Castle,"
No. 599 Hongkong, 15th April, 1873.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per British Steamer
"H. M. S. ..."

Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents,
517 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1873.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. **INDUS**,
from London, in connection with the
steamer, are hereby informed that their
cargoes are being landed and stored at their risk
in the Company's Godowns, whence delivery
may be obtained from **FRIDAY MORNING**,
11th instant.

ADDITIONAL CARGO will be forwarded to its
destination, unless intimation is received from
Consignees before **8 A.M. TO-MORROW**,
meeting it to be landed here.

Y, the 14th inst., at noon, will be subject to
t and landing charges.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
resigned.
C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent,
67, Hongkong Rd. April 1879.

(New York Nation.)

"characterized at home as "a mere reminiscence." Doubtless, however, Rome would occasion our friends the severest shock of all, were they to see the venerable, long-haired gentlemen standing in the Coliseum and measuring with their eyes that useless quarry of building materials. They would see it in its waste, adapted only for games of chance; or, if they saw it in its splendour, but now preserved as a church, it is wholly unfit for purposes of worship; it is far removed from the residences quarters of the city; while, so far from being a place of instruction, it is a source for entertainments of that nature; and, as to gladiatorial conflicts, they are "a mere reminiscence," and wholly repugnant to the spirit of modern improvement. Yet to the great deplorable fact of its ruin, which has cost already this useless pile of "brick and mortar" is preserved, and even venerated. Truly, the people of Europe are indeed benighted, but now some

A. McIVER, Agent.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
 FOR SHANGHAI (direct);
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for
 HANKOW, NINGPO, and PORTS in
 JAPAN.
THE Company's Steamship
 "DIOMED,"
 will be despatched at noon TO-MORROW, at
 22nd instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents,
 595 Hongkong, 21st April, 1873.
 FOR SAIGON.
THE British Steamer

"RIGA"
Captain Drysdale, will be despatched for (1) above port **TO-MORROW**, the 22nd inst., at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
AH YON,
Kwong Hing, 57, Praya
4d 659 Hongkong, 19th April, 1873.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON via SUEZ CANAL.
The Company's Steamship

"HECTOR"
will be despatched on or about the 29th instant Insurance risks accepted on behalf of the Company as under:—

On Te 32/6 %, all risks, 23/100 % F.P.A.
 " Sila 19/100 % do.
 Cargo taken at through rates for New York
 and Mediterranean Ports. Apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents
 123 604 Hongkong 13th April, 1873.
FOR MANILA.
THE Spanish Barque
"MARIA Y VICENTA"

Captain Ste. Coloma, will have quick despatch
to the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
at 548 Hongkong, 8th April, 1873.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The American Ship
"ST. JAMES."

Mullin, Master, will have immediate despatch
as above.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
at 507 Hongkong, 1st April, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
THE 41 German Barque

“HONGKONG,”
248 Tons Register, will load here and
Whampoa for the above port, and will have
quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
at 429 Hongkong, 15th March, 1873.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE A 1 British Barque
"SEA MEW,"
 465 Tons Register, will load here for the above
 port, and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
 at 430 Hongkong, 15th March, 1873.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON.)

THE well-known & 1 British Clipper Barge
"FORWARD,"
 Wm. Whyte, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo and Passengers engaged, will have immediate despatch for the above port.
 For Freight and Passage, apply to
BOZARIO & Co.
 at 409 Hongkong, 12th March, 1873.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 German Barque
"FERDINAND BRUMM,"
754 Tons Register, will load here for the above
port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
45 502, Market Street, San Francisco, 1872.

JUST PUBLISHED.
 MR. NYE'S LECTURE, delivered at the
 "CANTON SOCIAL EVENINGS." To
 had of
 LANE, ORAWFORD & Co.
 7d 592 Hongkong, 15th April, 1873.

K. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS
ESSEN (GERMANY.)
SOLE AGENT FOR CHINA AND
JAPAN,
F. PEIL,
at 1671 Hongkong, Shanghai, Cologne (Germany)

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned begs to inform the Rec

Apply to J. M. HANLON, No. 12, Aberdeen Street, Hongkong.
On 210 Hongkong, 5th February, 1873.

A. MILLAR & CO.,
HOUSE, SHIP, AND STEAMBOAT
PLUMBERS

COPPERSMITHS & BRASSFOUNDERS
No. 1, Queen's Road East and Nullah Lane.
Opposite H.M. Naval Dock Yard.
1st 387 HONGKONG, 1st March, 1871.

LE sous-signé informe Messieurs les Capitaines de navires de Commerce Français que leur est strictement interdit d'embarquer des matelots étrangers provenant de Boarding

Bourses autres que celles affichées à la Chancellerie de ce Consulat.
 Le Gérant du Consulat de France,
 OH. L. DE LA FOREST.
 1886 Hongkong, 24th October, 1872.

AFONG,
 PHOTOGRAPHER
 BY APPOINTMENT TO
 H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
Governor of Hongkong;
AND TO
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS O.
RUSSIA.
Invites inspection of his large Collection of
VIEWS of Foochow, Swatow, Hongkong,
Canton, and Macao.

WYNDHAM STREET.
6m. (Formerly occupied by Athletic Club.)

炭 煤 記 廣
KWONG-KEE COAL SHOP.

THE Proprietor of KWONG-KEE SHOP, beg-
to inform the Public that his Shop has
been established since 1867, at 39, Endicott
Lane, and that he has always a great quantity

Lane, and that he has always a great quantity
of BEST COAL in store for Sale. Gentlemen
or Ship-masters wishing to patronise him, are
requested to apply at his Shop.
15 1885 Hongkong, 30th July, 1872.

廣 煤 記 榮
WING-KEE COAL SHOP.
THE Proprietor of WING-KEE Shop begs to
inform the Public that his Shop has been

I inform the Public that his Shop has been established since 1855, at *Endicott's Lane*, and that he has always a great quantity of *Best COAL* in store for Sale. Gentlemen or Shipmasters wishing to patronise him, are requested to apply at his Shop.

Post-Office Notifications.

No Freight received after noon of the 25th instant. Parcel Packages received until 5 p.m. same day; all Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply at the Agency of the Company *Praya West.*

T. A. HARRIS,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 12th, 1873.

The rates of postage chargeable on such correspondence is four cents for each half-ounce on Letters, two cents on each Newspaper, and two cents on each two ounces of Books and Packets of Samples of Merchandise, in addition to the Rates specified in the Table of Rates of Postage at present in force.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1871.

Extracts.

"THE CANE-BOTTOMED CHAIR."

THE CANE-BOTTOMED CHAIR.
No woman can afford to be without it.

In the old days, when the cane was scarce, and the chair was a rarity, it was a great thing to have one. But now, when it is so common, it is a great thing to have one that is well made and comfortable.

To mention to this room is to tell, to be sure, that the cane is a great thing. But the cane is a great thing, and the chair is a great thing. And the cane is a great thing, and the chair is a great thing.

This cane is a great thing, and the chair is a great thing. And the cane is a great thing, and the chair is a great thing. And the cane is a great thing, and the chair is a great thing.

Old armor, prints, pictures, pipes, china, (all cracked),
A two-penny tobacco, and a chair to see;
What matter? 'tis pleasant to you, friend, and me.

No better than the Sultan requires,
Than the cracking old sofa that has been first;
And 'tis wonderful, surely, that music you get
From the rickety, rattle-bottomed wheeze.

That playing rag came from a Turkoman's camp,
By River came the broken old lamp;
A Muscovite finger-dagger has drawn;
'Tis a muscovite knife to toast muffins upon.

Long, long through the hours, and the night, and the
chimes,
Here we talk of old books, and old friends, and
old times;

As we sit in a log made of rich Italian,
This chamber is pleasant to you, friend, and me.
But of all the cheap treasures that garnish my nest,
There is one that I love and cherish the best:

For the finest of cushions that's padded with down,
I never would change this, my cane-bottomed chair.

'Tis a bandy-legged, high-shouldered, worm-eaten
seat,
With a cracking old back, and a wretched old seat,
But since the day when Fanny sat there,
I kiss thee and love thee, old cane-bottomed chair.

If chairs have but faking in holding each charm,
A thrill must have passed through your withering
old arms,
I looked and I longed, I wished in despair;
I wished myself turned to a cane-bottomed chair.

It was but a moment ago that in this place,
She'd a seat on her neck, and a smile on her face;
A smile on her face, and a rose in her hair,
And she sat there and bloomed in my cane-bottomed chair.

And so I have valued my chair over e'er since,
Like the shrine of a saint, or the throne of a prince;
Saint Fanny, my patroness saint, I declare
The queen of my heart and my cane-bottomed chair.

When the candle-burn low, and the company's
gone,
In the silence of night as I sit here alone—
I sit here alone, and we yet are a pair—
My Fanny I see in my cane-bottomed chair.

She comes from the past and revisits my room;
She looks, as she then did, at beauty and bloom;
So smiling and tender, so fresh and so fair;
And wonder she sits in my cane-bottomed chair.

COMETS.
The paths pursued by the comets are very
various indeed. Many of them, like the
planets, move in ellipses round the sun, some
travelling their orbits in three or four years,
while others round so far away that many
centuries elapse before they again revisit our
neighbourhood. A great number, however,
only circle once round the sun, and never
return to it again. The orbits into which
they are hurled, and the laws of gravitation
they are bound, are so inconceivably long,
that before they can reach the farther parts of
them they come within the attracting influ-
ence of other stars, and are drawn off to
pursue new orbits around new centres; and
in this way a comet may wander through
the universe for countless ages, seeking rest
and finding none, till at last some star
it enters a smaller orbit, and thus secures it
as a perpetual attendant upon itself. —From
"The Romance of Astronomy," by R. Kellie
Miller, M.A.

DREAMS.
The writer who could chronicle a girl's
dreams must have no pedestrian pen.
Dreams! They are ravishing, enchanting,
absolute. They are the essence of the un-
known world. They are what would be if
girls could create a world for themselves—a
world in which all men should be heroes, and
all madly in love with the lovely little dream-
er. The male reader has had his dreams, doubt-
less—visions like those of Southey at
Cintra, or De Quincey amid the lakes. In-
deed, not to have dreams is a sign of im-
agination stagnant, while to dream wisely and
poetically is perhaps a greater indication of
spiritual power than to think wisely and
poetically. Consider the question. An apoc-
ryphal attributed to George III. says that
"six hours in bed are enough for a man,
seven for a woman, eight for a fool." Most
of us probably are fools. This writer's aver-
age is from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. But there are
winter mornings too severe for early
rising; and on such mornings how pleasant
it is to be lulled and dream, poetic dream!
Take it that the average sleeper spends only
eight hours in bed. These eight hours, a
third of the great diurnal round, are all his
own. During the other sixteen he has to
work, to read and write, to eat and drink, and
to go through many processes that deprive
of independence. He must live. Taken
him to be proprietor of a great estate—
it has to be managed, or head-master of a
grammar-school—the boys have to be whip-
ped into their Homer and Virgil; or day-
labourer at a farm—he must work for his
bread and bacon. The man has yet to be
discovered for whom the day is absolutely
free. It brings its unseparable requisitions.
It involves work. It involves responsibility.
Neither of these exist amid the happy hours
of sleep. You have nothing to do except to
dream, or not to dream. The great question
for the philosophic dreamer is how to avoid
two things: (1) nightmare; (2) the discon-
tinuous dream. A dream, to be enjoyable,
ought to be a poem pleasant and perfect.
Hateful is the dream in which you fancy you
cannot get on a pair of boots, or in which
some unsatisfactory animal (a gryphon or
wyvern or rhinoceros) settles itself on your
chest. Even more hateful is the discon-
tinuous, unmeaning dream, wherein often are
mingled all the unpleasant and hideous peo-
ple you remember or have forgotten, in com-
binations which defy both Laplace and the
kaleidoscope. It seems a pity we can get no
science of oneirology—no method whereby
sleep might be made the happiest time of
life which it manifestly ought to be. It is
the only time when you have not to sacrifice
to vanity in the matter of hats and coats or
of gowns and bonnets. It is the only time
when you are beyond criticism—when you are
immune from all your survey, as Cowper
puts it. The bed is a solitary island, and
you are Robinson Crusoe for a third of your
life. Sleep separates you from troubles and an-
noyances, from the unrelenting march of
business, from the unrelenting march of
life. You are alone, and you are free. You
recall those starry spectacles, the fault is
yours. There are men who persist in dream-
ing of their creditors—but it is a mistake. —From
"Squire Skelton's" Writings.

THE PASSION FOR ORNAMENT.

What is the passion for ornament? It is the
passion for the beautiful, for the elegant,
for the refined. It is the passion for the
artistic, for the creative, for the imaginative.

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